MEMORANDUM FOR All Incoming Personnel, 5th Armored Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas 79916

SUBJECT: Welcome to 5th Armored Brigade

1. As the Command Team for the 5th Armored Combined Arms Training Brigade (CATB), we would like to welcome you and your family to Fort Bliss. We are delighted that you will be joining our team in the critical mission that our brigade performs for the Army.

2. The Dagger Brigade has a rich and proud history, originating with the 5th Tank Destroyer Group which participated in multiple European campaigns during the Second World War. Today, the brigade provides First Army with an enduring mobilization platform at Fort Bliss, supporting pre-mobilization, post-mobilization, demobilization training and unit validation, and individual mobilizations through the CONUS Replacement Center (CRC) in accordance with the Army’s Total Force Policy. Our teams of skilled and proficient Observer Coach/Trainers, made up of Soldiers from the Active Duty Army, the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve, ensure that mobilized and demobilized forces are expertly trained and validated in support of Combatant Command operational requirements.

3. The enclosed information is designed to serve as an introduction to the 5th Armored Brigade and provide you with the resources to make a smooth transition into your new role in the brigade and your family’s new life here at Fort Bliss.

4. Prior to your arrival, you will be assigned a sponsor. Please ensure that you complete the DA Form 5434, which can be found within the Army Career Tracker (ACT) system. You will also be receiving a welcome packet from the Brigade’s Sponsorship coordinator. Within those files will be all the required courses and documents each section will need upon your arrival in order to get you any access you may need once you are assigned to your unit.

5. 5th Armored Brigade is here to support you in any way we can – please contact the Brigade S1 at 915-568-3153 if there is anything we can do to make your transition easier. We are looking forward to you joining our team! Sharpen the Edge...Daggers.

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